

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY – POLICY, MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

THROUGH: Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management

FROM: Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management

SUBJECT: Proposed Partial Withdrawal Revocation, Sunshine Campground Recreation Site, Colorado

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of the U.S. Forest Service (FS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting that the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget approve a Public Land Order (PLO) ~~that would~~ partially revoke ~~a withdrawal created by Executive Order 10355 dated January 3, 1957, as it affects a 21.91 acre portion of the~~ 50 acres of National Forest System (NFS) land withdrawn for the Sunshine Campground Recreation Site ~~by PLO 1378.~~

**II. BACKGROUND**

~~Executive Order 10355, dated January 3, 1957, PLO 1378, published in the Federal Register on January 11, 1957, withdrew 28 sites encompassing 754.88 acres of NFS land within the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest for use by the FS as picnic grounds and recreational areas, a recreation site for including the 50 acre Sunshine Campground Recreation Site, totaling 50 acres. The Campground is bisected by State Highway 145 (SH 145). Land on the east side of State Highway 145. The withdrawn land on the east side of SH 145 was never used as part of the Sunshine Campground, Recreation Site and the FS has determined that the land is no longer needed for recreational purposes, but is suitable for disposal as part of the purpose for which it was withdrawn. The revocation is needed to complete the proposed Wilson Peak Land Exchange.~~

The overall purpose and need for the Wilson Peak Land Exchange is to 1) remove non-federal inholdings within or adjacent to upper-tier Colorado Roadless Areas, Congressionally-designated wilderness areas, or areas that are proposed to be designated wilderness; 2) consolidate public and private land ownership to improve long-term land management effectiveness; 3) restore public access to the summit of the popular fourteenner, Wilson Peak; 4) enhance recreational access along and near the popular Boomerang Road; 5) preserve current and potential habitat for federally listed and forest sensitive species; and 6) to enhance habitat for the Canada lynx, which is a federally listed endangered species.

~~A supplemental survey filed on December 8, 2014, The land described in the original Executive Order has been re-surveyed to establish the boundaries of the 21.91 acre parcel, now described as Lot 11, on the east side of SH 145. accommodate the partial withdrawal revocation which will remove 21.90 acres from the original 50 acre withdrawal.~~

**III. POSITION OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

The notice of the proposed partial relinquishment and subsequent conveyance of the land under the General Exchange Act was sent to over 100 interested parties including Colorado's Congressional Delegation, the Governor, and the Commissioners of San Miguel, Dolores, Gunnison and Saguache Counties. No comments concerning the revocation were received.

#### IV. LEGAL STATUS

There is no litigation associated with this proposed revocation.